

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES SUBJECT TO DENIAL OR RESTRICTION FOR BACK CHILD SUPPORT

Professional or occupational licenses, certificates, or permits may be denied or restricted if back child support is owed by the person holding the license. The Livestock dealer's Licenses and Livestock Cash Buyer's License (NRS 576) issued by the Nevada State Division of Livestock Identification are subject to this new requirement mandated by the federal government of all states including Nevada.

"My office is trying to notify anyone who may owe back child support of this new enforcement method so they have an opportunity to remain current on their child support," said Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa. "If a non-custodial parent falls behind in support payments, it is often very difficult to pay back support and stay current," added Del Papa.

Under the new procedure a district attorneys office or the Nevada Welfare Division will send a written notice to the person who:

1. Is past due in support;
2. Fails to provide health coverage for a child; or
3. Fails to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to a child support proceeding.

The notice will be sent by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested. The person has 30 days to satisfy the past due support or comply with an approved repayment plan, provide the health coverage, or comply with the subpoena or warrant. Or, the person may request a hearing challenging the finding that he owes back child support, has failed to provide health coverage, or is not complying with a subpoena or warrant in a child support proceeding.

If after a hearing is held the person is found to owe past child support, to fail to provide health coverage, or to refuse to comply with a subpoena or warrant in a child support proceeding, the professional or occupational licensing agency will be notified by way of an "order to suspend." Upon receipt of the order to suspend, the professional or occupational licensing agency must suspend or restrict the professional license as determined in the hearing. The agency issuing the professional or occupational license, certificate, or permit shall reinstate the license after receiving information from the district attorney or welfare division that the person is in compliance with the child support requirements.

In addition, every application for a professional license must include a statement regarding the applicant's child support payment status. If the applicant fails to answer the questions or sign that portion of the application, the person's application will not be processed. If the applicant reports that he is not complying with a support order or approved repayment plan, then the applicant must contact with local district attorney or the Welfare Division to arrange for payment of child support.

CHILD SUPPORT INFORMATION

Please mark the appropriate response (failure to mark one of the three will result in the denial of the application).

_____ I am not subject to a court order for the support of a child.

_____ I am subject to a court order for the support of one or more children and am in compliance with the order or am in compliance with a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order, or

_____ I am subject to a court order for the support of one or more children and am not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order.

Applicant's Social Security Number: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date